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SUBJECT: ISRAELI ESTIMATE OF VOTES ON PLO RESOLUTION

1. ISRAELI MISSION HAS GIVEN US ITS ESTIMATE OF PROBABLE BREAKDOWN OF VOTES ON PLO INVITATION RESOLUTION ON OCT. 14. IN GENERAL, ISRAELI ESTIMATE PARALLELS OURS, THOUGH OUR CONTACTS HAVE BEEN CONFINED MAINLY TO EUROPEAN MISSIONS. ISRAELIS GAVE US THIS INFORMATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH REQUEST THAT WE MAKE SUPPORTING DEMARCHES IN COUNTRIES LISTED BELOW, STIFFENING POTENTIAL ABSTAINERS WHO WERE WAVERING AND SOLICITING NEGATIVE VOTES FROM CERTAIN WESTERN GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO ABSTAIN. (THIS GROUP COMPRISED FRG, UK, NETHERLANDS, AUSTRALIA AND CANADA.) WE SAID WE WOULD REPORT ISRAELI REQUEST FOR SUPPORTING DEMARCHES, BUT MADE NO COMMITMENT.

2. FOLLOWING IS ISRAELI ESTIMATE BY GEOGRAPHIC REGION OF PROBABLE ABSTENTIONS AND NEGATIVE VOTES:

A) EUROPE - ISRAELIS COUNT ON 8 ABSTENTIONS AND ONE POSSIBLE SECRET

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AFFIRMATIVE VOTE (FRANCE) FROM EC-9 COUNTRIES. AMONG SCAN-

DINAVIANS, ISRAELIS BELIEVE ALL FOUR ARE MOVING TOWARD
ABSTENTIONS.

B) OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES - AUSTRALIA AND CANADA ARE
EXPECTED TO ABSTAIN, WHILE NEW ZEALAND WILL PROBABLY
VOTE FOR RESOLUTION. ISRAELIS HAVE NO INFORMATION ON POSITIONS
OF TURKEY, GREECE AND PORTUGAL. (OUR IMPRESSION IS ALL THREE
WILL VOTE FOR RESOLUTION.)

C) LATINS - AGAINST: BOLIVIA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, NICARAGUA
AND HAITI.

LEANING TOWARD ABSTENTION, WITH POSSIBILITY OF NO VOTE:
COSTA RICA, GRENADA, BARBADOS, SALVADOR, GUATEMALA,
PARAGUAY, URUGUAY.

FIRM ABSTENTIONS: HONDURAS, ECUADOR, CHILE.

PROBABLE YES VOTES, BUT POSSIBILITY OF ABSTENTION:
ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, PANAMA, COLOMBIA, BAHAMAS.

D) AFRICA - CERTAIN ABSTENTION: MALAWI

POSSIBLE ABSTENTIONS: ETHIOPIA, KENYA, SWAZILAND, LESOTHO,
BOTSWANA, MAURITIUS.

E. ASIA - POSSIBLE ABSTENTIONS: NEPAL, THAILAND, SINGAPORE,
FIJI, KHMER.

LEANING TOWARD YES VOTE: JAPAN.
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